

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 476

Growth Management Hearings Office

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	12.0	3,161	8	3,169
Total Maintenance Level	12.5	3,384		3,384
Difference	.5	223	(8)	215
Percent Change from Current Biennium	4.2%	7.1%	(100.0)%	6.8%
Performance Changes				
Increasing Mediation Services	1.0	300		300
Revise Pension Gain-Sharing #		(8)		(8)
Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit		10		10
Nonrepresented Staff Salary Change		120		120
Subtotal	1.0	422		422
Total Proposed Budget	13.5	3,806		3,806
Difference	1.5	645	(8)	637
Percent Change from Current Biennium	12.5%	20.4%	(100.0)%	20.1%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Environmental Dispute Resolution	13.5	3,806		3,806
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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Increasing Mediation Services

This position will provide legal and paralegal support to all three Growth Management Hearings Boards. In addition, contracted mediation services will be used to encourage settlement of cases before the boards. Increasing the number of cases settled through mediation and reducing the time involved in deciding cases will decrease costs to the boards, local governments, and petitioners.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Environmental Dispute Resolution

The state Growth Management Act of 1992 requires state and local governments to manage the state's growth by preparing comprehensive plans and implementing them through capital investments, land use, and natural resource regulations. The purpose of the three growth management hearings boards is to resolve environmental disputes that arise from implementing components of this law.